

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated July 9, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-6, 14-18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,798 to Kim (hereinafter "Kim"), which is owned by LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd. Claims 7-13 and 22-26 are indicated as being allowed, and claims 2, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. At this time, Applicants respectfully decline to amend the objected to claims in favor of the remarks set forth herein, but Applicants reserve the right to make such amendments at a later time.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1 and 3-6 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a second side electrode formed diagonally on the pixel electrode." The cited reference, Kim, fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. The Office Action asserts that Kim teaches this feature, indicating that "Kim discloses and shows in Fig. 7B . . . a second side electrode (not indicated with a numeral) formed diagonally on the pixel electrode (13)." (Office Action at pp. 2-3, parenthetical in original). However, Applicants note that there is no diagonal feature shown in Fig. 7B at all. Moreover, even though a diagonal structure is shown in other figures of Kim, none of those diagonal structures are electrodes, and therefore cannot anticipate the recited second side electrode of the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 3-6, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 14-18 and 21 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 14-18 and 21 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these

claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a first side electrode on the first substrate; [and] a second side electrode on the first substrate at a boundary between the two liquid crystal domains . . . the second side electrode traversing the pixel electrode.” The cited reference, Kim, fails to teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. The Office Action asserts that Kim teaches this feature, indicating that “Kim discloses and shows in Fig. 7B . . . a second side electrode (not indicated with a numeral) formed diagonally on the pixel electrode (13).” (Office Action at pp. 2-3, parenthetical in original). Even though a diagonal structure is shown in other figures of Kim, none of those diagonal structures are electrodes. Moreover, while there is an electrode 15 shown in the figures of Kim, Kim fails to teach or suggest a first electrode on the first substrate, a pixel electrode on the first substrate and a second side electrode on the first substrate traversing the pixel electrode.” Therefore, the Kim fails to anticipate at least these features of claim 14 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 and claims 15-18 and 21, which depend from claim 14, are allowable over the cited references.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

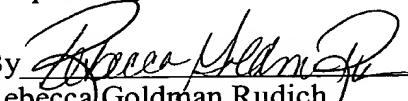
If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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